



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 3, 1997

H.R. 2259

King Cove Health and Safety Act of 1997

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 1, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 2259 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The land exchange authorized in this bill would be voluntary on the part of the affected local and tribal governments.

H.R. 2259 provides that if the King Cove Corporation transfers to the United States certain lands within the boundaries of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, then the Secretary of the Interior is directed to grant to the Aleutians East Borough a perpetual right-of-way 100 feet wide through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. The right-of-way would be used for utility-related fixtures and for a public road between the cities of Cold Bay, Alaska, and King Cove, Alaska. The bill provides that the land transferred to the United States be managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Based on information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CBO estimates that enacting the bill could increase management costs for the refuge because it might result in additional traffic through the area, but any such additional costs would likely total less than \$500,000 per year and would be subject to appropriation action.

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